

Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

September 2014

SSL is a graduation requirement...but it is also an opportunity! Explore careers, learn new skills, expand understanding, and strengthen character. If you can make a difference... do it!

Students interested in earning service-learning hours for involvement in activities that support political parties or individuals running for public office must first submit MCPS Form 560-50 *Individual Student Service Learning Request* and have it approved by the school SSL coordinator. With an approved form, SSL hours may be earned in a variety of activities that occur in public places under the direct supervision of campaign officials (not a parent or relative). Hours may not be earned for neighborhood canvassing involving door-to-door solicitation or telephone solicitation for financial donations.

Learn about the SSL graduation requirement and how to meet it in MCPS by referring to the website www.mcpsssl.org.

All SSL must be documented on MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification* and turned in the school-based SSL coordinator according to timelines.

All summer SSL documentation is due to the school-based SSL coordinator no later than the last Friday in September (September 26, 2014).

STUDENTS

SYSTEM-WIDE STUDENT DOCUMENTATION TIMELINES: (These are printed on the forms.)

September 26, 2014 “Last Friday in September”: Documentation of service performed from June 1, 2014 through the summer is due to the school-based SSL coordinator.

January 9, 2015: Documentation of service performed during the first semester is due to the school-based SSL coordinator. *Due to winter break the deadline has been modified*

June 5, 2015 “First Friday in June”: Documentation of all service performed during the second semester is due to the school-based SSL coordinator.

SYSTEM-WIDE SSL AWARD TIMELINES:

****DUE TO SPRING BREAK THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN MODIFIED****

March 26, 2015: Documentation that qualifies seniors for Certificates of Meritorious Service is due to the school-based SSL coordinator.